

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1, 7 and 13 are independent. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5-9, 11-14, 17 and 19 are amended.

Applicant notes that the amendments to claims 1, 2, 4, 5-9, 11-14, 17 and 19 are merely for form and not intended to be narrowing amendments and are not in response to an art rejection.

Specification

The Specification is amended herein by use of a Substitute Specification. The amendments place the Specification in better form for US practice. No new matter is believed to be added by these amendments.

Figures

A Drawing Change Authorization Request (DCAR) is submitted herewith to amend Fig. 3 by replacing "particular" with --particular--.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the Specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it

pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

In particular, the Examiner appears confused by the use of the term "regular" in claim 1 and how a CD recording or reproducing system can detect signals outside of recording and reproducing times.

As discussed in the Specification as filed at least on page 9, lines 14-end and in Fig. 3, regular operation and recording and reproducing involves operation of a tracking servo. However, according to one embodiment of the present invention, the wobbling signal may be detected prior to the operation of the tracking servo.

To eliminate the Examiner's confusion, the term regular has been removed from the claims and claims 1, 7 and 13 have been amended to recite operation of the tracking servo rather than the use of the term "regular."

Additionally, as suggested by the Examiner, "recording/reproducing" has been replaced throughout the claims with -- recording or reproducing.--

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests removal of this rejection.

Claims 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 11-12 and 14-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter, which

Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully traverse this rejection.

Regarding the Examiners, comments a-h, Applicants have amended the claims. Further, Applicant notes that "TZC" refers to Track Zero Crossing. The Specification and claims have been amended to carify this abbreviation. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request removal of this rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4, 13-17 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Yoshida et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,324,136 B1). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Yoshida et al. disclose an apparatus for setting a recording time point on a recording medium such as an optical disk. A recorder is used to detect and read a wobble signal on the optical disk. The wobble signal provides the recorder with information about the proper rotation speed of the disk. Once a wobble signal is detected and proper rotation speed is achieved, the recording time point for recording information on the disk is determined. However, as admitted by the Examiner on page 5, line 3, Yoshida et al. provides no teaching of a subsequent tracking servo. Therefore, Yoshida et al. do not teach, "performing tracking control using a tracking servo after the detection of the wobbled signal," as recited by

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claim 1 as amended, and, "a tracking servo for performing tracking control on the optical recording medium," as recited by claim 13, as amended.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 13 are allowable over the prior art. Regarding dependent claims 2-4, 14-17 and 20, these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as their corresponding independent claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request removal of this rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 7-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshido et al. in view of Naito (U.S. Pat. No. 4,611,319). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

As discussed above, the Examiner has admitted that Yoshida et al. teaches nothing with respect to the use of the tracking servo. The Examiner relies on Naito to teach the use of a tracking servo. While Naito disclose the use of a tracking servo in col. 14, line 57, Naito does not correlate the timing of the use of the tracking servo to some point after a detection of a wobbling signal. Rather, the tracking servo of Naito is operated only if the focus servo is in a locked stated. Therefore, Naito does not disclose, "turning on a tracking servo for a regular recording or reproduction after the target rotating speed of the optical recording

medium has been fixed with reference to the wobbled signal," as recited by claim 7, as amended.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 7 is allowable over the prior art. Regarding dependent claims 8-12, these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as corresponding independent claim 7. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests removal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of claims 1-20 is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

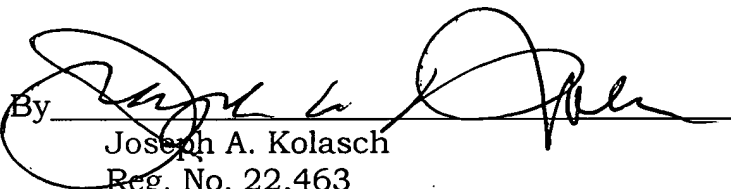
Applicant respectfully petitions under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) and 1.17 for a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Office Action. The Extension of Time Fee in the amount of \$920.00 is attached hereto.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Jayne Saydah (Reg. No. 48,796) at (703) 205-8000, in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Substitute Specification
Comparison Document

VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The Specification has been replaced with the Substitute Specification attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for controlling a device for **[recording/reproducing] recording or reproducing** an optical recording medium having control information recorded in a wobbled form on a signal track, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) detecting a wobbled signal from a signal track **[at a time a regular recording /reproducing of the optical recording medium is not carried out,]** for reading the control information; and,

(b) **[using the control information in the regular recording/reproduction] performing tracking control using a tracking servo after the detection of the wobbled signal.**

2. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step (a) includes the steps of applying **[PLL to]** the detected wobbled signal **to a phase locked loop (PLL)**, and reading the control information from the PLL **[applied wobble signal]**.

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step (a) includes **[the step of] identifying a plurality of sections of the optical recording medium, and**

carrying out wobble PLL in a **[particular] first section of the plurality of sections** of the optical recording medium and inhibiting the wobble PLL in **[rest of the] remaining sections of the plurality of sections**.

5. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step (a) includes **[the step of]**

generating a window signal in the vicinity of a track center of the optical recording medium, **and**

identifying at least one window section of the recording medium,

wherein the wobble PLL is carried out in a window section **[the] having an active** window signal **[is active therein]**.

6. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the step of generating a window signal includes the step of setting up **[certain] a plurality of** sections with reference to a rising edge and a falling edge of a **Track Zero Crossing (TZC) [TZC]** signal turned on/off at a zero cross position of [the] **a** tracking error signal as the window sections.

7. (Amended) A method for controlling a device for **[recording/reproducing] recording or reproducing** an optical recording medium having control information recorded in a wobbled form on a signal track, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) detecting a wobbled signal from a signal track **[at a time a regular recording /reproducing of the optical recording medium is not carried out,]** for detecting the present rotating speed of the optical recording medium;

(b) fixing a target rotating speed of the optical recording medium with reference to the detected present rotating speed of the optical recording medium, and controlling the optical recording medium to the target rotating speed; and,

(c) turning on a tracking servo for a regular **[recording/reproduction] recording or reproduction after the target rotating speed of the optical recording medium has been fixed with reference to the wobbled signal.**

8. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein **the step (a) [the time a regular recording/reproducing of the optical recording medium]** is not carried out **[is] in** a free running state in which only a focus servo is turned on.

9. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 7, **[wherein the wobbled signal is detected by] further comprising:**

subjecting a difference signal of optical reflection signals at the optical recording medium to band pass filtering **to detect the wobbled signal.**

11. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the step (a) includes **[the step of]** generating a window signal in the vicinity of a track center of the optical recording medium, **and**

identifying at least one window section in the recording medium wherein the application of PLL to the wobbled signal is conducted within a window section **[the] having an active** window signal **[is active]**, and the application of PLL to the wobbled signal is inhibited in **[rest of the] remaining** sections.

12. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the step of generating a window signal includes the step of setting up certain sections with reference to a rising edge and a falling edge of a **Track Zero**

Crossing (TZC) [TZC] signal turned on/off at a zero cross position of the tracking error signal as the window sections.

13. (Amended) A device for controlling a device for **[recording/reproducing] recording or reproducing** an optical recording medium having control information recorded in a wobbled form on a signal track, the device comprising:

a tracking servo for performing tracking control on the optical recording medium;

a wobble detecting part for detecting a wobbled signal formed by wobbling from the signal track at a time **[a regular recording/reproducing of the optical recording medium is not carried out] when the tracking servo is not operating;**

an information reading part for reading control information from the detected **[wobble] wobbled** signal; and,

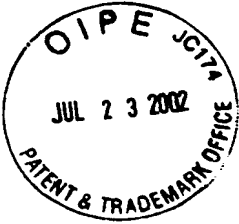
a servo controlling part for using the control information in a regular **[recording/reproduction] recording or reproduction.**

14. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the wobble detecting part **detects the wobbled signal by [subjects] subjecting** a difference signal of optical reflection signals at the optical

recording medium to band pass filtering[, **for detecting the wobble signal**].

17. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 13, wherein **the optical recording medium has a plurality of sections and** the information reading part conducts wobble PLL only to **[a particular] one section of the plurality of sections** of the optical recording medium, **and** inhibits the wobble PLL in **[rest of] remaining sections of the plurality of sections**.

19. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 18, wherein the window generating part sets up certain sections with reference to a rising edge and a falling edge of a **Track Zero Crossing (TZC) [TZC]** signal turned on/off at a zero cross position of the tracking error signal as the window sections.



**DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING
OPTICAL RECORDING/REPRODUCING DEVICE**

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

5 The present invention relates to an optical recording/reproducing device of a wobble structure, and more particularly, to method and device for controlling an optical recording /reproducing device, in which a wobble signal is detected at a time when an optical recording medium is not in a regular recording/reproducing state, and is used in a regular recording /reproducing state.

10 **Background of the Related Art**

 In general, a rewritable optical recording medium, particularly, DVD-RAM, a rewritable optical disk, is provided with signal tracks of land and groove, for facilitating a tracking control even for an empty disk without any record of information signal. Recently, information signals are recorded on the lands as well as grooves respectively for increasing a
15 density of recording. At the outset, neither control of, nor recording on the rewritable disk is possible as there is no information recorded thereon. Therefore, disk tracks are formed on the lands and grooves, information is recorded along the tracks, and information for random access and rotation control is recorded on the disk separately, for making the tracking control possible for an empty disk without any information signal recorded thereon. In this instance,
20 the control information may be recorded at a header region at a ~~starting~~ start of every sector after pre-formatting the header region, or along the tracks in a wobbling form. The wobbling is recording of address information on a boundary surface of a track by using a fixed

frequency or frequency modulation/phase modulation FM/PM for enhancing address recording or control.

In order to record or reproduce information at the optical recording device, the tracking and focus control are made through an optical pickup. FIG. 1 illustrates a block diagram of a related art optical recording/reproducing device, wherein the signal track of the optical disk 101 is provided with lands and grooves, for recording/reproducing data to/from, not only the land or groove tracks, but also both the land/groove tracks. There is an optical pickup 102 for directing an optical beam focused by an object lens to a signal track of the optical disk 101 under the control of the servo controlling part 106, and for receiving an optical beam reflected at a signal recording surface, focusing by means of the object lens again, and directing to an optical detector for detection of a focus error signal and a tracking error signal. The optical detector is provided with a plurality of optical detecting elements, each for providing an electrical signal proportional to a quantity of light obtained therefrom to a RF and servo error generating part 104. The RF and servo error generating part 104 combines the electrical signals, to generate a RF signal required for reproducing data, and a tracking error signal TE and a focus error signal FE both required for servo control, and the like. The tracking error signal TE is a signal generated by processing a read channel 2 signal, such as filtering and the like, and the RF signal is sometimes called as a read channel 1 signal. The RF signal is provided to a decoder 105 for reproduction, the servo error signals, such as FE and TE, are provided to the servo controlling part 106, and the control signals for data recording is are provided to an encoder 103. The encoder 103 encodes a data to be

recorded into recording pulses of a format the optical disk requires, and records the data on the optical disk 101 through the optical pickup 102, and the decoder 105 restores the RF signal into an original form of data.

5 In the meantime, there may be a host, such as PC, connected to the optical recording /reproducing device, for providing a recording/reproducing command to the microcomputer 111 through an interface 110, and the data to be recorded to the encoder, and provided with a reproduced data from the decoder 105. The microcomputer 111 controls the encoder 103, the decoder 105 and the servo controlling part 106 in response to recording/reproducing command from the host. In general, the interface 110 is an ATAPI (~~Advanced~~Advanced
10 Technology Attached Packet Interface). That is, the ATAPI is an interface standard between optical recording/reproducing device, such as CD or DVD drive, and the host suggested for transferring a data decoded at the optical recording/reproducing device to the host, wherein the decoded data is converted into a protocol of a packet form for making the data to able to be processed by the host.

15 In the meantime, the servo controlling part 106 processes the focus error signal FE to generate a driving signal for controlling focus and provides the driving signal to the focus servo driving part 107, and processes the tracking error signal TE to generate a driving signal for tracking control and provides to the driving signal to the tracking servo driving part 108. The focus servo driving part 107 drives a focus actuator in the optical pickup 102, to move
20 the optical pickup 102 in an up and down direction, so as to follow the up and down movement of the optical disk 101 while the optical disk 101 rotates. The tracking servo

driving part 108 drives a tracking actuator in the optical pickup 102, to move the object lens of the optical pickup 102 in a radial direction, for correction of a beam position to follow a required track. The servo controlling part 106 detects rotation speed information of the disk from the RF signal and provides to a spindle servo 112. The spindle servo 112 subjects a spindle motor 113 to Phase Locked Loop(PLL) control in response to the rotation speed information, for rotating the disk 101. That is, the spindle motor 113 exerts a rotating force to a spindle(not shown), and the spindle transmits the rotation force given from the spindle motor 113 to the disk 101, for rotating the disk 101 at a desired speed.

In the meantime, as the servo is unstable before starting a regular tracking or just after seek, the optical recording/reproducing device can not track on at once. Therefore, in this case, it is required for the optical recording/reproducing device to run freely(i.e., the tracking servo is turned off, while the focus servo only is turned on) until an appropriate condition is reached. Then, the servo controlling part 106 runs the spindle at an appropriate speed after the free running, puts the tracking servo into operation, and attempts a wobble PLL. Consequently, the method has a problem in that performance of the optical recording/reproducing device is poor as the servo is stabilized after the free running.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, the present invention is directed to method and device for controlling an optical recording /reproducing device that substantially obviates one or more of the problems due to limitations and disadvantages of the related art.

An object of the present invention is to provide method and device for controlling an

optical recording/reproducing device, which can stabilize servos before a regular state comes.

Additional features and advantages of the invention will be set forth in the description which follows, and in part will be apparent from the description, or may be learned by practice of the invention. The objectives and other advantages of the invention will be realized and attained by the structure particularly pointed out in the written description and
5 claims hereof as well as the appended drawings.

To achieve these and other advantages and in accordance with the purpose of the present invention, as embodied and broadly described, the method for controlling a device for recording/reproducing an optical recording medium having control information recorded in a
10 wobbled form on a signal track, includes the steps of (a) detecting a wobbled signal from a signal track at a time a regular recording /reproducing of the optical recording medium is not carried out, for reading the control information, and (b) using the control information in the regular recording/reproduction.

The step (a) includes the steps of applying PLL to the detected wobbled signal, and
15 reading the control information from the PLL applied wobble signal.

The control information is a spindle rotating speed.

The step (a) includes the step of generating a window signal in the vicinity of a track center of the optical recording medium, wherein the wobble PLL is carried out in a window section the window signal is active therein.

20 In another aspect of the present invention, there is provide a method for controlling a device for recording/reproducing an optical recording medium having control information

recorded in a wobbled form on a signal track, including the steps of (a) detecting a wobbled signal from a signal track at a time a regular recording /reproducing of the optical recording medium is not carried out, for detecting the present rotating speed of the optical recording medium, (b) fixing a target rotating speed of the optical recording medium with reference to
5 the detected present rotating speed of the optical recording medium, and controlling the optical recording medium to the target rotating speed, and (c) turning on a tracking servo for a regular recording/reproduction.

In further aspect of the present invention, there is provided a device for controlling a device for recording/reproducing an optical recording medium having control information
10 recorded in a wobbled form on a signal track including a wobble detecting part for detecting a wobbled signal formed by wobbling from the signal track at a time a regular recording /reproducing of the optical recording medium is not carried out, an information reading part for reading control information from the detected wobble signal, and a servo controlling part for using the control information in a regular recording /reproduction.

The wobble detecting part subjects a difference signal of optical reflection signals at the optical recording medium to band pass filtering, for detecting the wobble signal.

It is to be understood that both the foregoing general description and the following detailed description are exemplary and explanatory and are intended to provide further explanation of the invention as claimed.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The accompanying drawings, which are included to provide a further understanding of the invention and are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification, illustrate embodiments of the invention and together with the description serve to explain the principles of the invention:

In the drawings:

FIG. 1 illustrates a block diagram of a related art optical recording/reproducing device;

FIG. 2 illustrates a block diagram of an optical recording/reproducing device in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 3 illustrates a flow chart showing the steps of a method for controlling an optical recording/reproducing device in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention; and,

~~FIGS. 4A - 4C illustrate~~ FIG. 4 illustrates an operative waveform of the present invention showing an example of a wobble signal detection only in the vicinity of a center of track and carrying out a wobble PLL.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Reference will now be made in detail to the preferred embodiments of the present invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings. FIG. 2 illustrates a block diagram of a control device of an optical recording/reproducing device in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention, inclusive of a wobble detecting part 201 for subjecting a read channel 2 signal generated at a RF and servo error generating part 104 to band pass filtering, to detect a wobble signal formed on a signal track; a wobble PLL part 202 for applying PLL to the wobble signal; an information reading part 203 for reading control information, i.e., a spindle rotation speed, from the wobble signal having PLL applied thereto, and providing to the servo controlling part 106; and a window generating part 204 for receiving a TE signal from the RF and servo error generating part 104 to provide a window signal only in the vicinity of a track center. The wobble PLL part 202 conducts wobble PLL within a section of the window section only.

FIG. 3 illustrates a flow chart showing the steps of a method for controlling an optical recording/reproducing device in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

If the optical recording/reproducing device is in a free running state, i.e., if the tracking servo is turned off, and only the focusing servo is turned on(step 301), a wobble detecting part 201 detects a wobble signal on a signal track, and the wobble PLL part 202 conducts wobble PLL for subjecting the detected wobble signal to PLL(step 302). In the

wobble PLL, the wobble signal recorded on the signal track is detected and PLL is applied thereto. In general, the wobble signal is detected from the read channel 2 signal. That is, the wobble detecting part 201 subjects the read channel 2 signal from the RF and servo error generating part 104 to band pass filtering for a particular band, for detecting the wobble signal recorded on the signal track.

As there may be cases when detection of the wobble signal is poor owing to defect on the disk, or the like, ~~the present invention conducts~~ the wobble PLL is conducted at a region that the detection of the wobble signal is good. In general, when the tracking error signal TE has a center level as shown by (a) in FIG. 4A 4, i.e., when the optical head passes through a center of the track, the detection of the wobble signal is very good as shown by (c) in FIG. 4C 4. That is, the wobble signal detection is the best in the vicinity of the track center. Therefore, the present invention takes conduction of the wobble PLL only in the vicinity of the track center as embodiments.

There are different methods for detecting in the vicinity of the track center, and one embodiment of the present invention may use, for an example, a Track Zero Crossing (TZC) ~~TZC~~ signal. The TZC signal is a signal switched at a zero cross of the tracking error signal obtainable by slicing the TE signal at an internal reference level, i.e., a center level of the tracking error signal TE. Then, certain forward and rear portions of a rising edge and a falling edge of the TZC signal are set up as the window section. When the window signal is generated in the vicinity of the track center as shown by (b) in FIG. 4B 4 through the window generating part 204, the wobble PLL part 202 conducts the wobble PLL only within the

window section in which the window signal is active, and inhibits the wobble PLL in the rest of the sections. The control information reading part 203 detects the present rotating speed of the optical disk from the wobble signal having PLL applied thereto and provides to the servo controlling part 106. The servo controlling part 106 fixes a target rotating speed from the present rotating speed of the optical disk, and provides to the spindle servo 112. Then, the spindle servo 112 speeds up or down a rotation speed of the spindle by using the spindle motor 113, so that the optical disk 101 reaches to the target speed quickly (~~step~~step 303). That is, since the present rotating speed of the disk can be known upon applying PLL to the detected wobble signal, the spindle (~~the~~i.e., the optical disk) can be controlled to reach to the desired target speed, quickly. ~~On~~ At the same time, the tracking servo is turned on (~~step~~step 304) through the servo controlling part 106. That is, once the spindle speed is stabilized, a tracking on can be conducted, quickly and with stability. Thus, because the spindle can be controlled to be a desired speed automatically before regular servo, i.e., regular recording/reproduction, the servo can be stabilized, quickly.

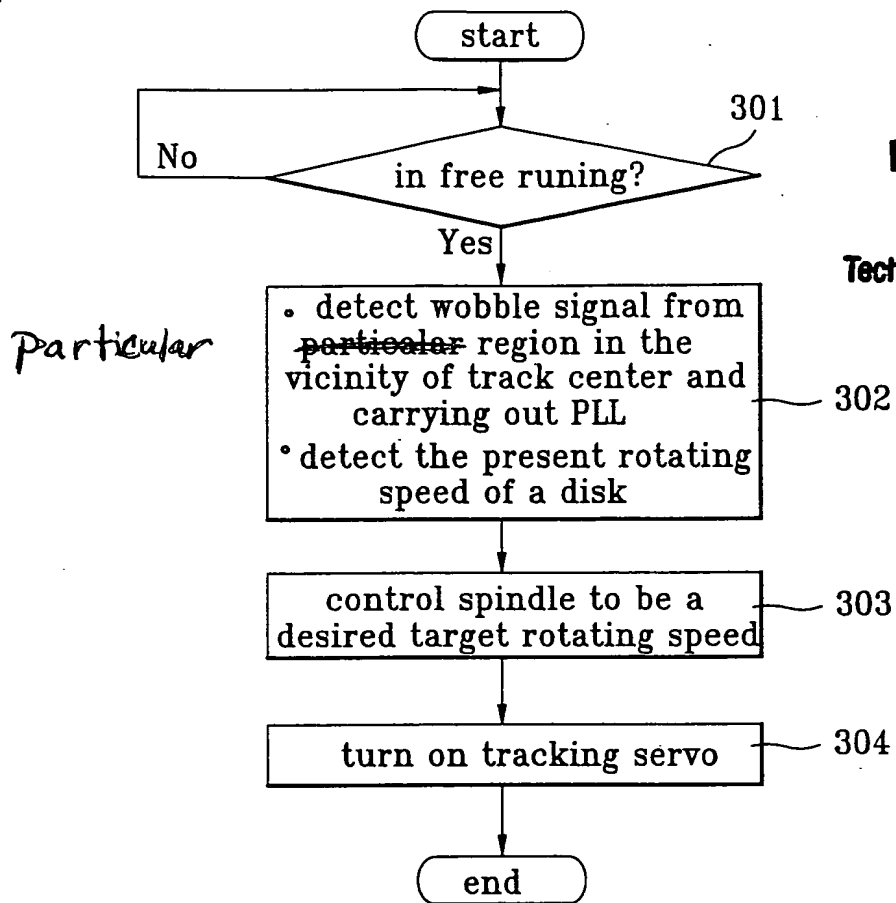
As has been explained, the method and device for controlling an optical recording /reproducing device of the present invention has the following advantages.

During free running which is not a regular recording/reproduction, but only the focus servo is turned on, by detecting a wobble signal in advance, conducting wobble PLL, detecting the present rotating speed of the optical disk, and controlling the spindle to reach to a target rotating speed quickly, a performance of the optical recording/reproducing device can be enhanced because the servo can be stabilized before regular recording/reproduction.

It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications and variations can be made in the method and device for controlling an optical recording/reproducing device of the present invention without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention. Thus, it is intended that the present invention cover the modifications and variations of this invention
5 provided they come within the scope of the appended claims and their equivalents.



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